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NOTE FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosed for your review in anticipation of your testimony on Friday before the Senate Arms Services Committee is a background paper on the Soviet AWAC program.

The paper, inter alia, indicates that the IL-76 Candid AWACS:

- is still in the early stages of field testing;
- incorporates radar technology in the same class as the US E-3A;
- has detected targets over land as low as 300 meters;
- and, that the current test aircraft could be initially deployed as early as next year, with widespread deployment beginning in 1984.

The background paper has been coordinated within NFAC and has been previously used in support of Congressional briefings generated by the proposed sale of the US AWAC to Saudi Arabia.


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